

TABLE B-45.—Unemployment insurance programs, selected data, 1978–2003

Year or month	All programs			State programs					
	Covered employment ¹	Insured unemployment (weekly average) ^{2,3}	Total benefits paid (millions of dollars) ^{2,4}	Insured unemployment ³	Initial claims	Exhaustions ⁵	Insured unemployment as percent of covered employment	Benefits paid	
								Total (millions of dollars) ⁴	Average weekly check (dollars) ⁶
	Thousands			Weekly average; thousands					
1978	88,804	2,645	9,007	2,359	346	39	3.3	7,717	83.67
1979	92,062	2,592	9,401	2,434	388	39	2.9	8,613	89.67
1980	92,659	3,837	16,175	3,350	488	59	3.9	13,761	98.95
1981	93,300	3,410	15,287	3,047	460	57	3.5	13,262	106.70
1982	91,628	4,592	24,491	4,059	583	80	4.6	20,649	119.34
1983	91,898	3,774	20,968	3,395	438	80	3.9	18,549	123.59
1984	96,474	2,560	13,739	2,475	377	50	2.8	13,237	123.47
1985	99,186	2,699	15,217	2,617	397	49	2.9	14,707	128.11
1986	101,099	2,739	16,563	2,643	378	52	2.8	15,950	135.65
1987	103,936	2,369	14,684	2,300	328	46	2.4	14,211	140.39
1988	107,156	2,135	13,481	2,081	310	38	2.0	13,086	144.74
1989	109,929	2,205	14,569	2,158	330	37	2.1	14,205	151.43
1990	111,500	2,575	18,387	2,522	388	45	2.4	17,932	161.20
1991	109,606	3,406	26,327	3,342	447	67	3.2	25,479	169.56
1992	110,167	3,348	26,035	3,245	408	74	3.1	25,056	173.38
1993	112,146	2,845	22,629	2,751	341	62	2.6	21,661	179.41
1994	115,255	2,746	22,508	2,670	340	57	2.4	21,537	181.91
1995	118,068	2,639	21,991	2,572	357	51	2.3	21,226	187.04
1996	120,567	2,656	22,495	2,595	356	53	2.2	21,820	189.27
1997	121,044	2,370	20,324	2,323	323	48	1.9	19,735	192.84
1998	124,184	2,260	19,941	2,222	321	44	1.8	19,431	200.58
1999	127,042	2,223	21,024	2,188	298	44	1.7	20,563	212.10
2000	129,877	2,146	20,983	2,110	301	41	1.6	20,507	221.01
2001	129,636	3,012	32,228	2,974	404	54	2.3	31,680	238.07
2002	128,234	3,624	* 42,978	3,585	407	85	2.8	42,130	256.79
2003 ^P		3,575	* 38,615	3,533	402	85	2.8	37,680	261.61
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2002: Jan		4,321	4,398.6	3,513	401	81	2.7	4,318.9	251.13
Feb		4,308	3,948.1	3,522	389	77	2.7	3,860.9	254.62
Mar		4,151	3,973.6	3,583	419	89	2.8	3,900.8	256.57
Apr		3,953	3,887.1	3,669	430	101	2.9	3,838.8	256.85
May		3,254	3,442.9	3,705	409	85	2.9	3,401.7	259.10
June		3,542	3,105.7	3,651	392	85	2.8	3,068.8	257.89
July		3,526	3,595.9	3,515	387	94	2.7	3,551.2	255.57
Aug		3,125	3,188.7	3,349	397	82	2.8	3,144.2	254.91
Sept		3,269	3,009.3	3,608	417	82	2.8	2,952.1	259.49
Oct		2,938	3,258.3	3,601	411	79	2.8	3,191.3	260.97
Nov		3,085	2,860.0	3,486	390	75	2.7	2,790.1	258.35
Dec		3,911	3,812.4	3,478	409	85	2.7	3,725.0	259.05
2003: Jan		3,977	4,130.1	3,361	388	84	2.6	4,035.1	261.09
Feb		4,179	3,889.6	3,429	409	83	2.7	3,806.3	263.60
Mar		4,354	4,204.7	3,514	423	88	2.8	4,125.6	264.74
Apr		3,712	3,862.7	3,622	443	92	2.9	3,792.9	263.66
May		3,273	3,305.1	3,716	432	84	2.9	3,244.9	262.72
June		3,676	3,387.0	3,726	427	85	2.9	3,323.9	261.15
July		3,452	3,615.3	3,625	406	89	2.9	3,551.2	258.74
Aug		3,382	3,174.1	3,630	402	84	2.9	3,099.1	257.23
Sept		3,226	3,212.8	3,626	403	83	2.9	3,116.8	261.06
Oct		2,810	2,978.8	3,515	382	78	2.8	2,887.6	262.17
Nov		3,216	2,810.5	3,367	363	81	2.7	2,719.4	260.60
Dec ^P		3,559	3,701.4	3,259	356	86	2.6	3,600.9	261.35

** Monthly data are seasonally adjusted.

¹ Through 1996 includes persons under the State, UCFE (Federal employee, effective January 1955), RRB (Railroad Retirement Board) programs, and UCX (unemployment compensation for ex-servicemembers, effective October 1958) programs. Beginning 1997, covered employment data are State and UCFE programs only. Workers covered by State programs account for about 97 percent of wage and salary earners.

Covered employment data beginning 2001 are based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Prior data are based on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC).

² Includes State, UCFE, RR, and UCX. Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include FSB (Federal supplemental benefits), SUA (special unemployment assistance), Federal Supplemental Compensation, Emergency Unemployment Compensation, and TEUC (Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation) programs.

³ Covered workers who have completed at least 1 week of unemployment.

⁴ Annual data are net amounts and monthly data are gross amounts.

⁵ Individuals receiving final payments in benefit year.

⁶ For total unemployment only.

⁷ Including Emergency Unemployment Compensation, total benefits paid for 1992 and 1993 would be approximately (in millions of dollars): for 1992, 39,990 and for 1993, 34,876.

⁸ Including Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation, total benefits paid for 2002 and 2003 (not including RRB program) would be approximately (in millions of dollars): for 2002, 53,800 and for 2003, 51,326.

Note.—Insured unemployment and initial claims programs include Puerto Rican sugar cane workers.

Source: Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.